(b) whether this goes against the rules prescribed in the CCS(CCA) Rules 1964, and;

(c) whether Government propose to immediately reinstate these officials, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) Under the CCS(CCA) Rules 1965, there is no provision for giving a notice or chance to present the version of the charged officer before suspending him.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

Swaminathan Report on Population Control

1739. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken some positive decisions on Swaminathan Report to control the country's population;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when all the recommendations are likely to be implemented in the national interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Population Policy, 2000 has been formulated by Government and placed in both Houses of Parliament.

AIDS Cases

1740. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of AIDS patients in the country, State- wise, and their growth rate during the last three years;

(b) whether the growth rate is following some pattern regarding specific segments of society, profession/income/education/age-wise or any other;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how Government plan to address this problem in an effective way, considering the high growth rate?